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Arthur O. Sulzberger
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Dear Mr. Sulzberger:

This is in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 6 May 1980 concerning the possible use of current or former employees of The New York Times as witting or unwitting agents/informants for the U.S. intelligence community.

As we advised you in a letter dated 24 February 1976, in response to your previous request on the same topic, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of any documents which would reveal a confidential or covert CIA connection with or interest in matters relating to those set forth in your request is classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065. Further, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such documents would directly relate to information concerning intelligence sources and methods which the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with subsection 102 (d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Accordingly, pursuant to exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the FOIA, your request is denied to the extent that it concerns such documents. By this statement we are neither confirming nor denying that any such documents exist.

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The above determination was made by [redacted] Information Review Officer. Under the provisions of the Act, you have the right to appeal his actions. If you choose to do so, you should write to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care, setting forth the basis of your appeal.

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Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator